

Thursday 2 May, 1.00pm to 3.30pm RUGBY, Rugby, rugby.....

- At Te Kuiti High School grounds
- For all juniors 5 to 13 years old
- Games and skills with KCRFU Kurt, RAMS Halfback Ben and a surprise guest or two
- Free entry
- Spot Prizes

Friday 3 May, 1.00pm to 3.30pm. Rugby League Fun Day

- Te Kuiti High School grounds
- For ages 5 to 13
- Games and skills
- Free entry
- Spot prizes

The Waikato Pistons Basketball team are coming to Te Kuiti on Sunday 5 May, from 10.30am @ Waitomo Sports Stadium, King St West to hold their morning training session. Come along local coaches and players to observe and take part in afternoon training sessions. Coaches, parent supporters, players of all ages.

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Board of Trustees News

The School Trustee Elections are being held this year, and we need you to get involved.

Our school is governed by a democratically elected group of people called the Board of Trustees. These trustees make important decisions about our school's strategic direction, student achievement outcomes, resources, staffing and much more.

Being a trustee is an important and rewarding role. Parents, families, whānau and people from the wider community can all be trustees. We're looking for a range of people with a variety of skills, experiences, and attributes who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning. **Nominations close noon, Thursday 16 May.**

If you're interested in standing for election or nominating someone you know, please complete the form received in the mail or contact the school office on 8787534.

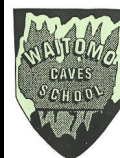
National Election Day is Thursday 30 May.

Make sure your vote counts. All parents of full-time students who are on the school voting roll can and should vote in the elections. Look for your voting papers in your letterbox and make sure your vote is received by noon 30 May.

What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

6 May	Term 2 begins
14 May	Board meeting
15 May	Te Kuiti Playcentre visiting the junior school
23 May	Year 7/8 Young Leaders Conference

Mrs Tamae Dimond
Principal ☺



Newsletter

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Whaia te ara totika – Make the Right Choice

Term One 2013

Week Eleven – 19 April

Dear Parents, Caregiver, Whanau and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Relieving teacher, Mrs Julia Robertson was unable to complete the term due to unexpected family circumstances therefore Mr Ed Lye has been teaching in the senior class. Mrs Felicity Steger returns in Term 2 following her maternity leave. Mrs Steger will be teaching in the senior class from Wednesday to Friday of each week.

Mr Dimond will continue to teach in the middle school until a permanent appointment has been made. The position will be advertised next term. Miss Ayla Goddard has been relieving in the junior and middle school classes and will continue to do so during Term 2 from time to time.

Thank you Mrs Rachel Stubbs for her commitment and enthusiasm in teaching our students swimming skills during Term 1. We are looking forward to continuing this next summer.

Term 2 welcomes Whaea Te Ingo Ngaia on Friday afternoons to develop our school Maori Performing Arts programme within a whole school approach. We also welcome Mr Colin Pepperell who will be teaching Year 5 to 8 students guitar on Tuesday's.

Kick-Start classes resume on Monday 13 May for Term 2. There will be no kick-start classes on Monday 20 May as Ms Easton will be attending a



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course in Hamilton on this day.

Shearing Championships

On Friday 5 April a group of senior students were invited to attend the Shearing Championships held in Te Kuiti. Alyssa, Jessie, Devon, Arleyah, Keely and Mrs Dimond enjoyed watching the shearing heats and were excited to meet some famous shearers.



Touch

Thank you to coaches Steve, Tanchia and Julian for your time and commitment in training children for the recent Te Kuiti touch tournament. Well done to all children who got involved and congratulations to the Division 1 (Year 0-4) teams. Waitomo Sprinters came runners up and Waitomo Stars came third. Well done Jack Verry who received a sportsmanship award for boys in Division 1.



Waitomo Sprinters

The Northern King Country Junior Touch Rugby Sportsmanship Team award went to all the Waitomo Caves School teams for showing fantastic sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Well done ☺

Winter Sports

There have been a large number of children interested in several sports this winter. Some students will be playing club rugby in Otorohanga and others will represent the school in soccer (5 teams) and hockey (2 teams, 1 group for FunSticks). Competition games begin in Term 2. Please check those flyers coming home so you are aware of dates and times for games.

Soccer

First games for the season begin on Saturday 11 May, the first week back

in Term 2. Players will be given their uniforms that week and training begins on Friday 10 May. Training will always be on Friday's after school unless other arrangements have been made. The school field will be used for three teams and the other two teams will train at the domain.

Hockey

A coach is needed. Hockey begins on Monday 13 May with an Open Day. Wednesday 15 & Friday 17 May - Intermediate games start. Thursday 16 May - Junior A & B games start and FunSticks begin.

A separate notice will be sent home early in Term 2 so everyone is aware of expectations for winter sports, including teams and grade lists.

Fundraising

Thank you to Alannah, Batch, Marci, Dawn and Ratapu for providing a wonderful food stall at the Brooklee Road clearing sale. Thank you to Martha for your donation of baking. Also we are very fortunate to have been able to use the Vetent barbeque. Thank you Vetent.

Thank you to all our helpers this afternoon that helped shift furniture.

Community News

Otorohanga Lions Shop Have you visited the Lions shop at the north end of Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga? You'll find all sorts of pre-loved furniture, electronics, TVs, crockery, other household items, books something for everyone at bargain prices. Open every Saturday from 9am till midday. Grab a barbecued sausage when you visit. All proceeds go towards local community needs. All sorts of donated goods are accepted. Ring Colin on 878 7641 to arrange transport for larger items, or drop off smaller items at Waitomo Caves Guest Lodge.

Cake Decorating Class The Waitomo Society of Arts in conjunction with Creative Communities is co-ordinating Adult Education [Fill The Gap] classes again this year. A Cake Decorating Class is scheduled to take place on the 5th May, 9.30am to 4.30pm at Room 5 Centennial Park School. The cost is \$35. Rhonda Borgas is the tutor and has a great deal of experience in Cake Decorating. This class is suitable for beginners upwards and is a great opportunity for participants to learn all the tricks of producing a wonderful cake. Rhonda will cover all aspects of preparing the cake, perfect icing and also piping techniques. Interested people can contact Andre on 07 8785158 or text 021 1311 275 or Sue on 8786288. Class size is limited so early registration is recommended.

Sport Waikato – Waitomo District Holiday Programmes

Tuesday 30 April, 1 to 3.30pm. End of Summer SPLASH!!

- At Te Kuiti Heated Swimming Pool
 - Lots of Pool Fun & Games for everyone
 - Prizes and goodies
 - Free entry
- All pool rules apply*